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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original): A method of installing and recycling carpet tiles in at least one area in which a plurality of carpet tiles are laid, the method comprising the steps of:

installing carpet tiles in at least a first area with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof;

removing carpet tiles from first said area;

installing carpet tiles in said first area from which the carpet tiles have been removed with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof; and,

renewing the removed carpet tiles.
2. (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

removing carpet tiles in a second area, which are to be subsequently renewed; and

installing at least a portion of the first removed and renewed carpet tiles on the second area from which the carpet tiles were subsequently removed with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof.
3. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said renewing step includes:

a washing step of jetting a fluid onto th removed

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carpet tiles, thereby to perform cleaning for cleaning dirt and stain on the carpet tiles and to perform retexturing, thus forming cleaned and treated carpet tiles.

4. (original): The method of Claim 3, wherein said renewing step further includes:
a recoloring step of recoloring at least a portion of the cleaned and treated carpet tiles with a pattern, design, shade, color, or combinations thereof.
5. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area include at least one of new tiles and renewed tiles.
6. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of tiles of at least two different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
7. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 4 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
8. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 9 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
9. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 12 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

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10. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 16 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
11. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 25 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
12. (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 36 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
13. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are at least one of purchased and leased.
14. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are each at least one of a gradation of color and contain cool and warm colors alike of various shades.
15. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said second area include at least one of new tiles and renewed tiles.
16. (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of tiles of at least two different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

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17. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least four different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
18. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least nine different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
19. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least twelve different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
20. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least sixteen different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
21. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least twenty-five different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
22. (original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least thirty-six different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

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23. (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein said tiles in said second area are at least one of purchased and leased.
24. (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein said tiles in said second area are each at least one of a gradation of color and contain cool and warm colors alike of various shades.
25. (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein substantially 100% of the renewable carpet tiles from said first area can be used in said second area without the necessity of mapping, shade sorting, or sorting into shade lots.
26. (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
renewing the tiles removed from said second area, and installing
said renewed carpet tiles from said second area at least one additional area to
substantially utilize about 100% of the removed and renewed carpet tiles.
27. (original): The method according to Claim 2, further comprising a bending step of
bending curved renewed carpet tiles to the original shape, in the washing step or
any of the steps following the washing step.

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28. (original): The method according to Claim 2, further comprising a cutting or trimming step of cutting out or trimming edge portions of the renewed tiles, where piles have fallen, which are left after completion of the washing step.

29. (original): A multi-year or multi-cycle renewable carpet system, comprising the steps of:

installing a plurality of new carpet tiles at a first location with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof,
removing at least a portion of the carpet tiles from the first location after a period of use,

renewing the removed carpet tiles from the first location,
reinstalling the renewed carpet tiles at one or more locations with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof,

removing at least a portion of the reinstalled renewed carpet tiles after another period of use,

renewing the removed reinstalled previously renewed carpet tiles, and
reinstalling the twice renewed carpet tile at one or more locations with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof.

30. (original): The system as recited in Claim 29, further comprising the steps of:

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removing at least a portion of the reinstalled twice renewed carpet tiles
after another period of use,

renewing the removed previously twice renewed carpet tiles, and
reinstalling the thrice-renewed carpet tiles at one or more locations
with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or
combination thereof.

31. (original): The system as recited in Claim 29, wherein at least about 95% of the
carpet tiles are renewed and reinstalled at least once.

32. (original): The system as recited in Claim 29, wherein the carpet tiles are at least
one of 40"x40", 36"x36", 20"x20", 18"x18", 1m x 1m, and 50cm x 50cm.

33. (original): The system as recited in Claim 29, wherein said renewing step includes a
washing/reproducing step.

34. (Canceled):

35. (Canceled):

36. (Canceled)

37. (Canceled)

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38. (Canceled)

39. (original): A method of leasing carpet tiles, comprising the steps of:

installing carpet tiles in at least a first area with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof,

removing carpet tiles from first said area;

installing carpet tiles in said first area from which the carpet tiles have been removed with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof; and,

renewing the removed carpet tiles.

40. (original): The method of Claim 39, further comprising the steps of:

removing carpet tiles in a second area, which are to be subsequently renewed; and

installing at least a portion of the first removed and renewed carpet tiles on the second area from which the carpet tiles were subsequently removed with adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof.

41. (original): The method of Claim 39, wherein said renewing includes a washing step of jetting a fluid onto the removed carpet tiles, thereby to perform cleaning for

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cleaning dirt and stain on the carpet tiles and to perform retexturing, thus forming cleaned and treated carpet tiles.

42. (original): The method of Claim 39, wherein said tiles in said first area include at least one of new tiles and renewed tiles.

43. (original): The method of Claim 39, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of tiles of at least two different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

44. (original): The method of Claim 40, wherein said tiles in said second area are at least one of new tiles and renewed tiles.

45. (original): The method of Claim 40, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of tiles of at least two different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

46. (Canceled)